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Commissioner Jane E. Henney  
Parklawn Building  
Room 14-71  
5600 Fishers Lane  
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Dear Ms. Henney:

I'm sure your busy. I'll make this brief. Please ban the use of medically useful antibiotics from animal feed. We understand the practicality of using antibiotics in treating cattle, hogs & poultry to assure a safe food supply for the public. However, we must foresee the risk of overuse and the unnecessary use of certain antibiotics used in the feed. We need to assure that we are not aiding the bacteria to eventually become resistant to the very same antibiotics that our doctors prescribe to humans. Much of the public finds this assurance more valuable than whether or not the meat industry has stricter standards in their use of antibiotics and limited resources to obtain certain types of antibiotics, especially those that have proved extremely useful to humans against the same strains of bacteria.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,



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